

Greater Sage-grouse Conservation Strategy

Greater Sage-grouse Range-wide Issues Forum



The Process Relationships & Timelines

And all that other stuff

The Process

- History
 - Range-wide sage-grouse conservation strategies were first developed by the Western Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies in 1995 and refined in 1999.
 - The primary strategy was to develop conservation plans using the community-based planning model.
 - Additional strategies & tactics included developing
 - Range-wide distribution
 - Standards and protocols for data collection and analysis
 - Validation of habitat models
 - Genetic distribution
 - Partnerships
 - Implementation of sage-grouse guidelines

The Process

- Sage-grouse conservation efforts were expanded in 2000.
 - WAFWA, BLM, USFS & USFWS began to closely coordinate sage-grouse management with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding.
 - Cooperation and responsibilities were delineated.

The Process

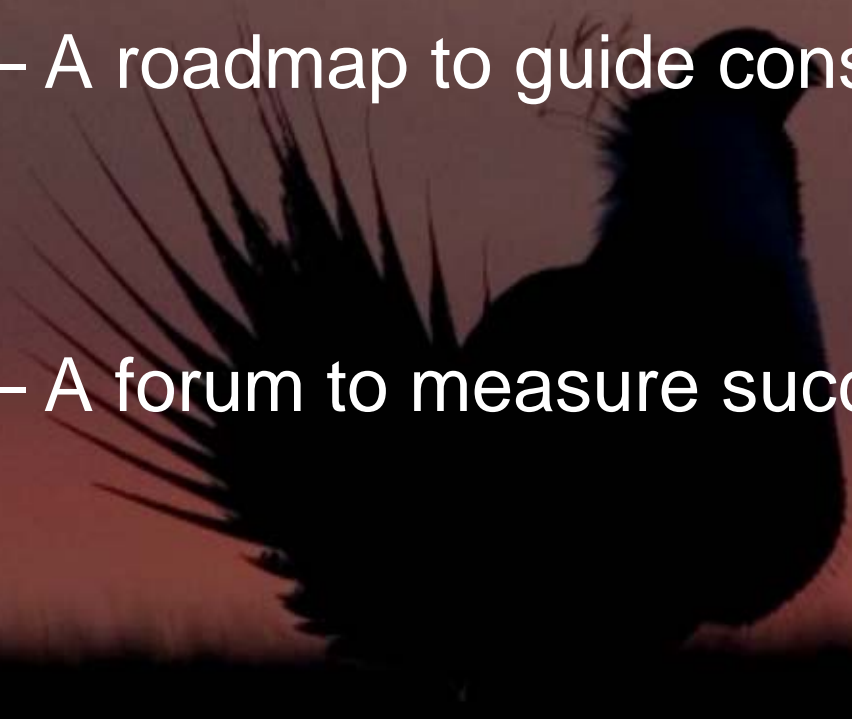
- Present day
 - In 2003 the USFWS contracted with WAFWA to complete the following:
 - An assessment of the status and trends of greater sage-grouse and sagebrush habitats and
 - A range-wide conservation strategy.
 - The Assessment was completed last year.
 - The Strategy is our current task.

The Process

- The Range-wide Conservation Strategy
 - Complements and enhances current efforts
 - Local working group plans
 - State and Provincial plans
 - Tribal plans
 - Agency plans
 - Address issues that cannot be effectively addressed in the other conservation efforts.
 - Scale
 - Implementation
 - Outreach
 - Monitoring protocols
 - Range-wide research
 - Funding

The Process

- The Range-wide Conservation Strategy is:
 - A roadmap to guide conservation efforts.
 - A forum to measure success.



Product Relationships



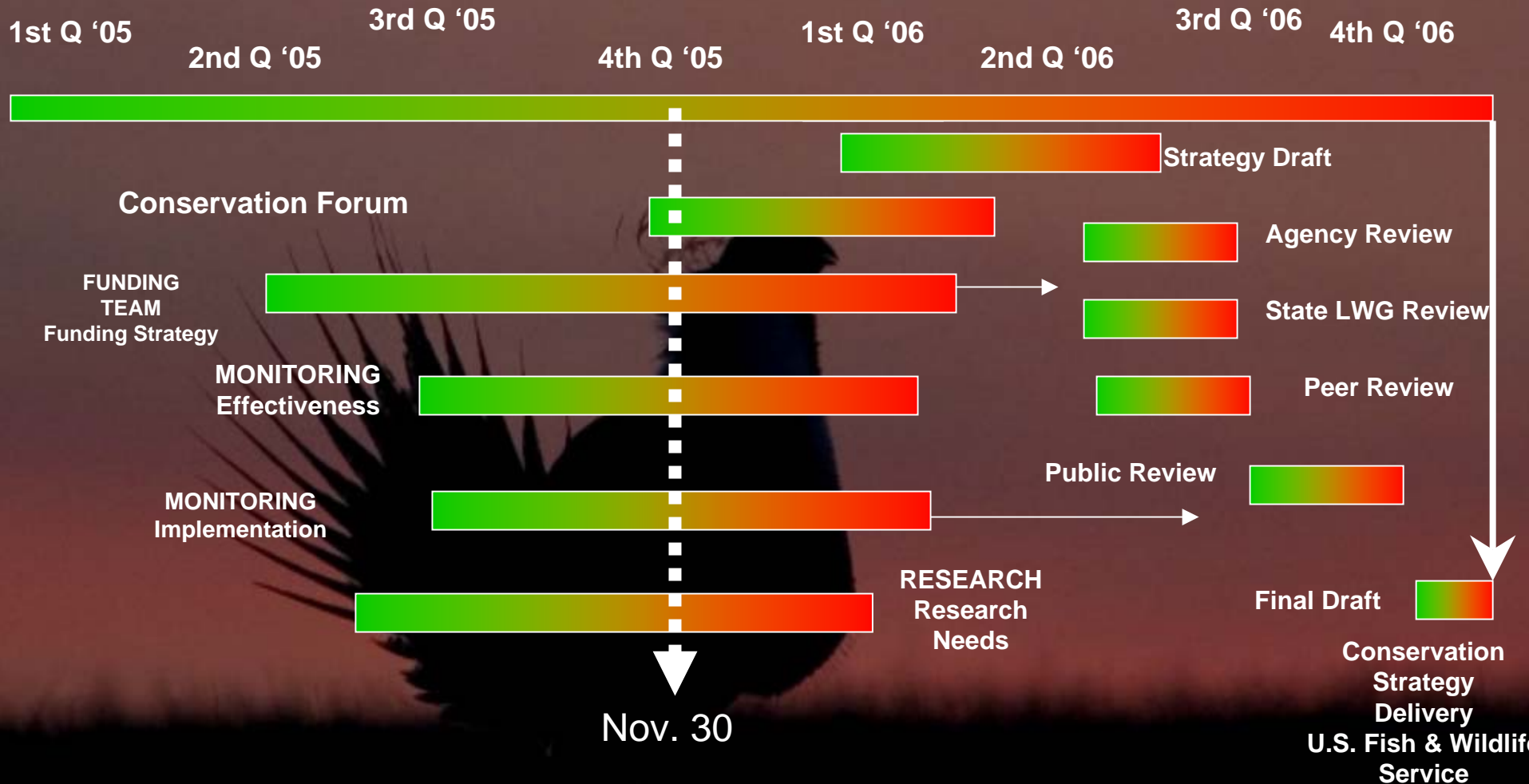


Timelines



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Timeline



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